

Extension Cares... for America's Children and Youth

THE NATIONAL EXTENSION "CARES" ...FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE

Sub-Goal #1. Improve the ability of program staff* and home-based providers to offer high quality care, education and developmental experiences for children and youth.

Objective #1A. Increase the number of staff receiving training.

Objective #1B. Increase the number of training hours obtained by providers/staff.

Objective #1C. Improve provider/staff attitudes, knowledge, skills, and behaviors.

Objective #1D. Increase the number of providers/staff who: (a) are members of professional organizations, (b) attend professional development experiences offered by Extension that can lead to a state or professional credential and (c) enroll in degree-credit courses due to Extension efforts.

Objective #1E. Improve the ability of administrators, directors and teen program leaders to effectively manage programs.

Sub-Goal #2. Improve the quality of childcare, school-age care and teen out-of-school settings.

Objective #2A. Improve the nutritional value and food safety of meals and snacks served.

Objective #2B. Increase the use of quality curricula for children and youth.

Objective #2C. Improve the physical environment (e.g., facilities, furnishings, equipment, materials, indoor and outdoor space, air/water quality) to promote health, safety and learning.

Objective #2D. Improve the financial stability and the professional atmosphere (e.g., attitudes, training, professionalism, co-worker relations, compensation, retention of staff) within programs.

Objective #2E. Increase the number of programs being registered, licensed or accredited.

Objective #2F. Increase the use of family support principles to guide program decision-making and practice and the extent to which programs support family goals for their children/youth.

Objective #2G. Increase family attainment of personal goals related to care and education.